

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Lincoln County District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion

Water Quality

Pasture Conditions and Grazing Concerns

Wildlife Habitat

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Yellow Medicine River Watershed – Soil Erosion and Water quality issues

Lac Que Parle River Watershed – Soil Erosion and Water quality issues

Redwood River Watershed – Soil Erosion and Water quality issues

Verdi Well Head protection area – Water quality and Soil erosion issues

TMDL areas – Water Quality and Soil erosion issues – South Branch YMR, and Lake

Shaokotan.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality concerns in Yellow Medicine River Watershed

Soil Erosion and Water Quality concerns in Lac Que Parle River Watershed

Soil Erosion and Water Quality concerns in Redwood River Watershed

Water Quality and Erosion Concerns in the Verdi Wellhead Protection Area

Applications with prescribed grazing practices

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Soil Erosion – the application will install practices that address gully erosion. 15 pts

Soil Erosion – the application will install practices to reduce soil erosion to T or less. 10 pts

Water Quality – the application will address water quality concerns in priority watershed listed in question 3 above. 15 pts

Water Quality - the application will address water quality concerns outside of priority watersheds listed in question 3 above. 1pt

All Concerns – the application will install practice that addresses a national priority concern in Lincoln County. 1 pt

Soil Erosion and Water Quality – the application will install practices that implement a prescribed grazing system. 10 pts

All Concerns – the application is within a TMDL area. 5 pts.

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points. See above.

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document. None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Date